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SUBJECT MEXICAN JAMAICAN RELATIONS

REF: A) KINGSTON 4213; B) MEXICO CITY 10706

1. THE MEXICAN CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC MISSION LED BY MRS ECHEVERRIA (REF B) WHICH ARRIVED JAN 12, HAS PLAYED TO CAPACITY AUDIENCES AND RECEIVED WARM WELCOME FROM GOJ

2. PRIME MINISTER MANLEY ANNOUNCED AT PRESS CONFERENCE JAN 13, ATTENDED BY MEXICAN VICE - MINISTER OF NATIONAL PATRIMONY JORGE LEIPEN, THAT MEXICAN AND JAMAICAN EXPERTS HAD NOW IDENTIFIED SITES WHERE ALUMINA PLANT AND PORT IN JAMAICA ARE TO BE BUILT UNDER JOINT ALUMINUM VENTURE AGREEMENT (REF A), BUT DECLINED TO IDENTIFY THE LOCATIONS. THE COST OF THE ALUMINUM SMELTER TO BE BUILT IN MEXICO IS NOW ESTIMATED AT US\$200 MILLION VICE J\$165 MILLION (PARA 7 REFA).

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OWNERSHIP OF SMELTER IS TO BE 51 PERCENT MEXICAN, 29 PERCENT

JAMAICAN, AND 20 PERCENT A MAJOR ALUMINUM COMPANY WHICH CONTRIBUTES THE MOST UP TO DATE TECHNOLOGY. GOM CURRENTLY IS CONSIDERING PROPORSALS FROM ALCAN AND REYNOLDS FOR PARTICIPATION IN SMELTER

3. JAMAICAN EXPERTS ARE TO VISIT MEXICO IN MARCH TO REVIEW PROGRESS ON ALL ASPECTS JOINT VEM CGFZNH TAKE DECISIONS ON STEPS REQUIRED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF BOTH STAGES OF PROJECT. "IT IS HOPED THAT DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1975 THE CORRESPONDING STUDIES WILL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, ALL THE FACTORS ANALYZED, AND ALL THE PARAMETERS FIXED, WHICH WILL ALLOW THE WORK OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE CORRESPONDING UNITS IN JAMAICA AND MEXICO TO BEGIN DURING THE SECOND HALF OF THIS YEAR".

4. ADDITIONAL RESULT MEXICAN MISSION VISIT WAS ANNOUNCEMENT JAN 13 OF TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT TO EXPAND TRADE AND COMPLEMENTARY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN JAMAICA AND MEXICO. AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY DR. JULIO FAESLER, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MEXICAN INSTITUTE FOR FOREIGN TRADE AND REGINALD WEBB-HARRIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JAMAICA NATIONAL EXPORT CORPORATION

5. MAJOR POINTS OF THE AGREEMENT ARE:

A). THAT BOTH INSTITUTIONS WILL SUGGEST TO THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, THE ADOPTION OF METHODS TO PROMOTE COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES;

B) THAT BOTH INSTITUTIONS WILL COOPERATE WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS IN EACH COUNTRY IN THE AREAS OF MARKETING AND TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT BOTH IN THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION AND MATERIAL AID OR TRADE;

C) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BILATERAL BUSINESSMEN'S COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING TRADE, COMPLEMENTARY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER JOINT COMMERCIAL VENTURES BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES; AND

D) THE HOLDING OF REGULAR MEETINGS BY THE OFFICERS
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OF BOTH INSTITUTIONS ALTERNATIEVELY IN KINGSTON AND MEXICO CITY EVERY YEAR FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MEANS TO INCREASE TRADE.

6. AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT DR. FAESLER DISCLOSED THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SHIPPERS COUNCILS IN BOTH COUNTRIES TO DEAL WITH FREIGHT AND SHIPPING CONDITIONS WERE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN ALONG WITH ANY

OTHER MEANS TO IMPROVE THE SHIPPING AND AIR SERVICES
BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES. DR FAESLER NOTED THAT
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE AREA OF SHIPPING WOULD BE
MOST PRODUCTIVE PARTICULARLY AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
FREE PORT CQINGSTON COULD RESULT IN IT BECOMING THE
CENTER OF DISTRIBUTION FOR THE CARIBBEAN AREA

7. COMMENT GOJ POINTS WITH PRIDE TO GROWING MEXICAN
CONNECTION AS TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF THIRD WORLD COOPERATION
TO CHANGE THE EXISTING SRUCTURE OF WORLD TRADE TO THEIR
MUTUAL BENEFIT. GERARD

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